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Application No.: 09/810,501	Examiner: D. Wortman
Filed: March 19, 2001	Confirmation No.: 1105
For: POLYNUCLEIC ACIDS ISOLATED FROM A PORCINE REPRODUCTIVE AND RESPIRATORY SYNDROME VIRUS (PRRSV), PROTEINS ENCODED BY THE POLYNUCLEIC ACIDS, VACCINES BASED ON THE PROTEINS AND/OR POLYNUCLEIC ACIDS, A METHOD OF PROTECTING A PIGFROM A PRRSV AND A METHOD OF DETECTING A PRRSV	RECEIVED MAY 3 0 2003 TECH CENTER 1600/2900

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Applicants request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$375.00 (2801) [X] \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Applicants previously submitted the following document for which continued examination 1. is requested: Consider the Amendment After Final Rejection 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 18, 2003 and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement previously filed on May 19, 2003. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _. Other: The following documents are enclosed with this submission: 2. Amendment/Reply. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s). [] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). [] Other: Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time [X]3. Small entity status is hereby claimed. No additional claim fee is required.

[X] The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid for in this application prior to this submission:

CLAIMS						
	No. Of CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS THUS PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE	
Basic Fee						
Total Claims	4	MINUS 38 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	-0-	
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	-0-	
If multiple dependent	claims are p	resented, add \$280.0	00 (1203)			
Total Fee						
If small entity status is	s claimed, su	btract 50% of Total	Fee	,		
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$750.00	

- 4. [X] A check in the amount of \$ 750.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
- 5. [] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- 6. [] Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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